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TITLE: "SEALED COMPONENT FOR AN MRI SCANNER HAVING AN
ACTUATOR FOR ACTIVE NOISE CONTROL, AND METHOD
FOR THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,396,272
AB United States Patent No. 6,353,319
AC United States Patent No. 5,617,026
AL German OS 197 22 211

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references are various references known to the Applicants that describe gradient coil systems that are embedded in a carrier. Different structures and counter measures are disclosed in the references for reducing the noise that arises during operation of the rapidly switched gradient coils for obtaining MRI exposures.

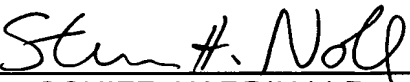
Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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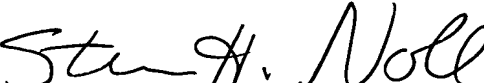
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